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WORLD BANK AIDED POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the World Bank aided pollution control projects running in the country at present;

(b) whether any of the said projects was to expire on March 31, 2002 and has been expanded or extended by the World Bank; and

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the achievements made thereunder so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) and (b) : At present, the Ministry of Environment & Forests is implementing the World Bank aided `Industrial Pollution Prevention Project`. The main objective of this Project is to promote cost-effective pollution abatement by way of strengthening the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Gujarat; facilitating priority investments dedicated to prevent pollution from industrial sources by encouraging use of clean technologies & waste minimisation; and providing technical assistance for adoption of modern tools of information, management and control. This Project was scheduled to close on 31st March, 2002 but its duration has been extended upto 30th November, 2002.

(c) The main achievements under the Project constitute strengthening of State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan by way of upgradation of facilities at 29 laboratories and procurement of sophisticated scientific equipment for the laboratories. Management Information System (MIS) / Geographical Information System (GIS) activities have also been taken up in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Gujarat. Besides, `Environmental Outreach` activities have been carried out successfully in the SPCBs of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Two Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETPs), one at Surat and the other at Vadodara, have been supported under the Project by grant of Central Subsidy and one industrial Waste Water Recycling Plant at Mumbai has also been supported. In addition, 65 Waste Minimisation Circles have been established in various industrial sectors. Specialised training has been imparted by reputed institutes to the personnel of SPCBs, Central Pollution Control Board and officers of the Ministry of Environment & Forests for development of their skills to enable them to discharge their duties more effectively.